



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER

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### Idaho's Potato Harvest Nearly Complete

#### Agricultural Summary

Idaho onion harvest is complete. Silage corn, alfalfa hay, and potato harvest were quickly coming to a close last week, and the last of Idaho's winter wheat acreage was planted. Apple, grain corn and sugarbeet harvest continue into late October. Temperatures last week ranged from 53 to 73 degree highs and 19 to 39 degree lows. Precipitation fell throughout Idaho last week, improving topsoil moisture and irrigation supplies.

#### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

In Camas County, pastures are very dry. Cattle have moved from their ranges and are eating stubble and crop litter left in swathed hay fields. Most cattle in Caribou County are still moving off the range, and calves are being shipped, according to County Extension Educators.

#### Field Crop Report

Caribou County field work and field activities are complete this fall, according to County Extension Educators. In Power County, potato harvest should wrap up early next week, and growers have finished harvesting dry corn this week. Sugarbeet yield is excellent this year, but sugar content is down, report Power County Extension Educators.

#### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture improved from last week to 0 percent very short, 18 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Reports indicate a statewide average of 5.7 days were suitable for fieldwork last week.

#### Crop Progress

<i>Percentages</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>Average</i>
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	49	33	32
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	95	100	99
Onions Harvested	100	97	99
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting Harvested	96	95	94

#### Crop Condition

<i>Percentages</i>	<i>Very Poor</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
Winter Wheat	--	--	3	84	13
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	10	53	37
Range and Pasture	--	8	52	34	6

#### Crop Progress by District

Crop	North			Southwest			South Central			East			State		
	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted .....	99	91	94	95	98	89	85	82	93	94	96	93	95	91	93
Emerged .....	50	20	25	74	84	67	55	40	72	65	72	66	58	45	49
Potatoes															
Harvested.....	NA	NA	NA	100	100	100	90	86	93	91	85	95	91	87	94
Sugarbeets															
Harvested .....	NA	NA	NA	24	21	25	59	50	48	64	61	63	53	46	46

Avg (2001 – 2005); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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# Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 22, 2006 <sup>1/</sup>

Station	Temperature 2/				Growing Degree Days 4/			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept 3/	40° Base	50° Base		Total 5/	Dept 3/	Month of October	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D' Alene	57	30	47	0	4199	2281	1853	0.52	0.35	0.53	11.47	14.00
Grangeville	54	30	45	-1	3630	1866	1495	0.52	0.12	0.98	15.99	17.36
Lewiston	63	35	52	1	5385	3235	2787	0.25	0.03	0.42	7.77	8.02
Sand Point	70	31	--	--	3793	1956	1450	0.93	0.34	0.94	12.55	16.41
Southwest												
Boise	63	32	49	-2	5470	3390	2668	0.01	-0.18	0.42	6.87	6.63
Caldwell	63	27	47	-3	5190	3088	2926	0.55	0.37	0.56	4.01	5.85
Emmett	63	32	47	-4	5000	2962	2593	0.38	0.17	0.40	8.26	6.76
Mountain Home	63	27	47	-2	5227	3277	2642	0.00	-0.18	0.50	7.89	5.18
Parma	54	39	--	--	5089	3045	2470	0.28	0.12	0.28	6.62	5.98
Weiser	62	35	--	--	5469	3376	2567	0.00	-0.16	0.05	6.80	5.80
South Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	58	23	43	-6	4118	2270	2141	0.16	0.01	0.90	6.94	6.00
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Twin Falls	73	24	46	-1	4514	2635	1878	0.23	0.06	0.91	7.60	6.23
East												
Aberdeen	66	19	--	--	3762	2043	1608	0.14	-0.04	0.23	6.34	6.08
Grace	--	--	--	--	3646	1954	1442	0.00	-0.29	0.00	8.29	10.93
Idaho Falls	53	19	39	-5	3636	1902	1677	0.37	0.17	1.56	10.19	7.43
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	56	20	42	-5	4072	2260	1955	0.27	0.06	1.05	8.15	7.86
Rexburg	61	22	40	-3	3682	1978	1562	0.76	0.53	2.43	11.38	9.00
Salmon	55	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center, the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated.

2/ -- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received; no estimates were made for missing data.